

2SHB 2964 REPORT

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 506.** By November 15, 2006, the department of early learning, in collaboration with the early learning council, shall prepare a report and make recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature detailing:

- (1) Coordination and collaboration between the department and the K-12 system at the state and local levels to ensure appropriate connections and smooth transitions between early learning and K-12;
- (2) Ongoing coordination and collaboration between the department and other programs not included in the department;
- (3) Ways the department will support local communities in encouraging public-private partnerships, innovative solutions to local issues, coordination of early learning services, and improved transitions from early learning to kindergarten;
- (4) The relationship between the department and the private-public partnership;
- (5) Internal governance of the department, to be implemented July 1, 2007, upon termination of the early learning council; and
- (6) Transition of any additional early learning programs and responsibilities, including administration of federal child care funds and subsidy eligibility and payment functions.